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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

The cover 10 may include a recessed boss 26 having an opening 28, as shown in Figure 6, formed into the cover 10 by stamping. A carrier assembly 27, shown in phantom, may be installed onto the boss 26 so that the carrier may be connected to the differential assembly within the axle housing, which is a known arrangement in the art.